



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Kenneth J. MELLET  
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Title : APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING TICKETS

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.